



**CITY OF FITCHBURG MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR**

**January 7, 2016**

**7:00PM**

**Memorial Middle School Library  
615 Rollstone Street  
Fitchburg MA 01420**

**WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL!**

This is intended to help you understand the meeting format and assist you with the rules of the Council as they pertain to your participation.

All meetings of the Fitchburg City council are open to the public. This does not mean that the public participates in all aspects of the meeting. It simply means that the meeting itself, including all discussions and votes, is open for public view.

**Executive Session**

The only time a Council meeting can be closed to the public is when the Council votes for Executive Session in order to discuss sensitive matters in private, such as pending litigation. Any votes taken however, must be taken in open session.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK DURING A COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Public Forum**

The Public Forum occurs immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance. The President will ask if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on any matter appearing on the Agenda. If you wish to address the Council, you must stand and be recognized and follow these rules before speaking:

1. State your name and address.
2. Approach the center table and either stand or sit. This allows you to be seen and heard clearly by everyone in attendance.
3. You may speak only on items appearing on the agenda for no (2) minutes. Copies of the agenda are available on the center table prior to the meeting.
4. Please state the petition, order, ordinance, or resolution number to which you refer.

**Public Hearings**

Public hearings are held on various issues such as Special Permits and Zoning changes. The same rules apply with the following exceptions:

1. You must stand and be recognized either "in favor" or "in opposition" when asked by the Council President.
2. You need not refer to the petition number.

If you have any questions or comments either before or after the meeting, any Councillor would be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your interest!

**I. PUBLIC FORUM**

**II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS**

**III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM  
HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS**

**V. COMMUNICATIONS: OTHER**

**VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**VII. RECESSED HEARING**

- 094-15. The Fitchburg City Council, pursuant to the unanimous, affirmative vote on April 22, 2015, on petition 38-15, filed by Councillor Stephan Hay, does now propose that Chapter 181-Zoning-of the Code of the City of Fitchburg be amended to create a solar farm component.

**VIII. HEARING**

- 233-15. Michael J. O'Hara, per vote of the Fitchburg Planning Board:  
Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment, initiated by vote of Fitchburg Planning Board:

To Amend Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance as follows:

(1) Amend Section 181.356, Abandonment or Non-Use, by adding:

"This section shall not apply to the re-use of a lawfully existing nonconforming single or two-family structure where the principal use is permitted by right in the specified district under 181.313, and provided that no modification of the use or structure is accomplished unless authorized under the provisions of 181.35."

(2) Amend Section 181.3561 by striking the words "City Council" and inserting the words "Board of Appeals"

**IX. LOAN ORDERS**

- 229-15. ORDERED THAT: Loan Order 153-14 adopted by the City Council on July 1, 2014, authorizing a borrowing of \$23 Million Dollars for Sewer System Projects, be amended in its entirety to authorize an appropriation and borrowing \$34.1 Million Dollars for various Wastewater Projects, as per the attached.  
(Amended to \$31.25 Million Dollars)  
(Final reading)

- 230-15. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg is authorized the appropriation and borrowing of \$4 Million Dollars for Sewer System Projects and ongoing Repair and Rehabilitation of the Sewer System Infrastructure.  
(Final Reading)

#### X. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 3 -16. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office of Grants, for three grants, and their respective approximate amounts and purposes, as follows:  
FY16 Pedestrian Safety Grant - \$5,000  
FY16 HSD UAE (Traffic Safety) Grant - \$10,000  
FY16 GHBS (Governor's Highway Safety Bureau) Grant - \$9,000
- 4 -16. ORDERED THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the MA Dept. of Environmental Protection, for the Mass DEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP)-School Recycling Grant, in the approximate amount of \$40,670 for said purposes of grant.
- 5 -16. ORDERED THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the gift from ReImagine North of Main Group valued at \$24,700 to allow and enable the Fitchburg Health Department to install ViewInspect and ViewNForce modules/software on the Health Inspectors' tablets.

#### XI. ORDINANCE

- 247-15. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 181 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg entitled Zoning: (Registered Marijuana Dispensary) as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance and accompanying Zoning Map.  
(Reference Petition #165-15)  
(Final Reading)

#### XII. PETITIONS

- 06 -16. SPECIAL PERMIT PETITION: MHRose, Inc. to renovate existing three family home at 76-78 Nashua St. and offer three rental units upon completion. (Existing non-conforming building abandoned or not used for a period of more than two years)  
(Public Hearing February 4, 2016)